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Mr. Copps,

I am one of those "silent Americans" who has now chosen to speak.

It has come to my attention that there exists a proposal to relax the rules of broadcast ownership. Such a proposal would allow ownership to operate as a more narrow-minded monopoly. There would only exist "their" view of what is news, and how it would be reported.

Such an operation would eliminate any news, views, and opinions that differ from theirs.

Our American society/culture is based on the free and open exchange of beliefs, views, and opinions. It is only by this free and open exchange that the people of the United States may be exposed to all sides of any issue and have the opportunity to arrive at an informed and reasoned decision.

Therefore, I urge you to NOT relax the rules of broadcast ownership. To do so would impose a censorship on the free and open exchange of ideas, beliefs, views, and opinions that is (and has been) a critical element that separates US, as a free people, from the rest of the world.

Respectfully,
Ray Copps

June 6, 2003

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Cc: John McCain/Committee Chairman
and all Committee Members**
Cc: Congressman
CC: Senators/Boxer and Feinstein

Attn: Michael Powell/FCC Chairman
Attn: Kathleen Abernathy/FCC Commissioner
Attn: Kevin Martin/FCC Commissioner

Re. Relaxing the Media Ownership Rules

I am appalled and vehemently oppose your 3/2 ruling regarding the 45% concentration of power handed over on a silver platter to the few powerful interests in this Country

Already Mr. Clinton, in 1996 let these powerful few in the door and now you want to finish the job off by giving away the house. Who is looking out for us, the people, the tax payer. Remember us?

Your job (if you have forgotten and may think you are above everyone else in this Country) is to protect us against precisely these types of take over. Your fancy babbling doesn't say much, it only tries to confuse us but at the end you are doing exactly what the "market muscles" want you to do (as Senator Conrad Burns put it).

To think that you are an Anti Trust Lawyer and it is exactly the contrary action that you are enacting. All the media mergers. There are no other voices to be heard out there, except yours.

Hitler started with a vision then became the great communicator of this vision, soon that became a reality. He took over the media first, and then the rest of the nation's minds, and you know the ending.

I have been claiming for years, that the media in this country only presents one set of news. It is boring to change from channel to channel and see the same stories from morning until we go to sleep. No channel offers different set of news as I remember it used to. It is like being in a third world country, where government controls what may be aired and what must be pulled out of the airwaves to keep us Americans passive, sheltered from all the atrocities you do around our World. And so blatant about it!

Why claim yourselves to be a Democracy when you are so afraid to air different points of views

I truly hope The Senate and Congress overturns your reckless decision on behalf of the American People As a matter of fact, I hope that all of you three who voted for this reckless proposal are removed from office as we do not trust any of you are looking out for the values, diversity and progressive way of life this Country represents.

I will not disclose my identify in fear of reprisal, as it seems that with Bush Administratio the Hoover years are back!

Respectfully.

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Terrified Citizen

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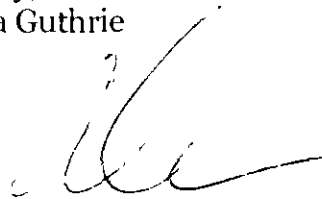
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RE: Docket No. 02-277 Don't abandon media safeguards!

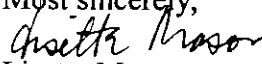
Dear FCC Commissioners,

I strongly urge that the FCC abandon its plan to end long-standing and critical safeguards that have served as an important "check and balance" system to help ensure diversity of media ownership. Under the proposal you are considering, one company in a community will be able to own the newspaper, several TV and radio stations, the cable system, and the principal Internet access company. There will be fewer owners of networks, stations, and newspapers nationwide. This will very badly damage true media diversity and competition. A competitive and diverse media is absolutely essential to ensure an informed citizenry and a healthy and vibrant democracy.

Eliminating these last remaining protections of the public trust would constitute a complete abandonment of the FCC's mission to ensure that our airwaves, which are owned by all Americans, are used in a manner which ensures the diverse range of voices and opinions needed in a healthy democracy. Loss of these protections would constitute a huge and unacceptable giveaway of public resources and political power to a few large and powerful media companies.

Further consolidation of the media in the false name of "deregulation" must be halted and in fact reversed. TV and radio news in the hands of a handful of profit-driven corporations has undermined our democracy more than any other modern force except the high cost of broadcast commercials during elections. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide crucial unbiased information to the public about most public issues. Americans depend upon the media to bring us information that will allow us to make the informed choices necessary for the well-being of our nation and our future.

As an American concerned about our democracy, I urge you to reject the current proposal to abandon the last remaining controls on media consolidation. Instead, I strongly urge you to break up the media conglomerates, to open the spectrum to a wide diversity of organizations and independent journalists, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Most sincerely,

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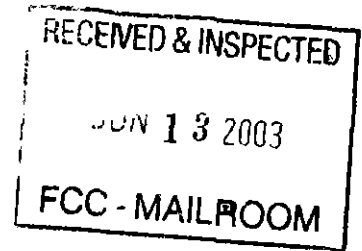
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are your employers. You
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Dear Mr. Powell:

I write to you as an student of US politics because there is something about the June 2nd FCC rulings that I fail to understand. It is not that I necessarily disagree with them – although as a free marketer I am leery whenever anyone controls much more than ten percent of a market – rather it is the fact that your *commission chose to rule on such a narrow plurality*. Surely in the case of such a contentious issue it would have made more sense to have delayed a decision until you could have both educated the public and secured unanimity.

I would be grateful for your thoughts on this matter. I enclose a stamped self addressed envelope to facilitate your personal reply.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Hodgson